



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL CHRISTOPHER R. CHAMBLISS

Colonel Christopher R. Chambliss is the vice commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. He assists the wing commander overseeing the combined efforts of all operations and support activities associated with the wing to plan, support and execute military operations in the support of armistice and wartime taskings. He provides leadership and guidance to wing organizations including 11 staff agencies, wing command section, four groups, 15 squadrons and 12 tenant units consisting of more than 2,600 personnel.

Colonel Chambliss entered the Air Force in 1983, receiving his commission from the Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at Kansas State University. He earned his pilot wings as a distinguished graduate at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, and instructed in T-37s. He upgraded to the F-16, flying in various locations in the United States and Europe. Col Chambliss served on the staff at USPACOM and has commanded the 524th Fighter Squadron at Cannon AFB, N.M., and the 52d Operations Group at Spangdahlem AB, Germany.



EDUCATION

1982 Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas
1987 Squadron Officer School, correspondence and residence, Maxwell AFB, Ala.,
1996 Distinguished Graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
1996 Master of Business Administration, Troy State University, Montgomery, Ala.
1997 Master of Arts, Airpower Art and Science, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2003 Master of Science, National Resource Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1983 – February 1984, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas. Distinguished Graduate.
2. March 1984 – June 1984, student, T-37 Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, Texas. Top Graduate.
3. July 1984 – May 1987, T-37 Instructor Pilot, Category Check Pilot, Laughlin, AFB, Texas.
4. June 1987 – September 1987, student, AT-38 Lead-In Fighter Training, Holloman, AFB, N.M.
5. October 1987 – May 1988, Student, F-16 Replacement Training Unit, MacDill, AFB, Fla. Gabreski Award winner, overall top graduate.
6. June 1988 – October 1991, Flight Commander, Instructor Pilot, Homestead AFB, Fla.
7. November 1991 – January 1993, Advance Pilot/Narrator and Right Wingman, USAF Air Demonstration Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. February 1993 – July 1995, Flight Examiner and Chief of Operations Group Stan/Eval, Pope AFB, N.C.
9. August 1995 – June 1996, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. July 1996 – June 1997, student, School of Advanced Airpower Studies (SAAS), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. July 1997 – May 1999, aide-de-camp to Commander-in-Chief, US Pacific Command, Camp Smith MCB, Hawaii.
12. June 1999 – August 1999, student, F-16 requalification training, Luke AFB, N.M.
13. September 1999 – July 2002, Commander, 524th Fighter Squadron, Operations Officer, 522 Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.

14. August 2002 – June 2003, student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. Lesley McNair, Washington D.C.
15. August 2003 – June 2005, Commander, 52d Operations Group, Spangdahlem AB, Germany.
16. July 2005 – present, Vice Commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,700

Aircraft flown: F-16A/C, T-37, T-38

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters)

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second lieutenant	March 1, 1983
First lieutenant	March 1, 1985
Captain	March 1, 1987
Major	October 1, 1994
Lieutenant colonel	May 1, 1999
Colonel	August 1, 2003

(Current as of July 2005)